

# Kepler, Robert H. Golf Club House

Herrick Archives Building 033

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 Officially named Robert H. Kepler Club House by Board of Trustees on June 6, 1975.

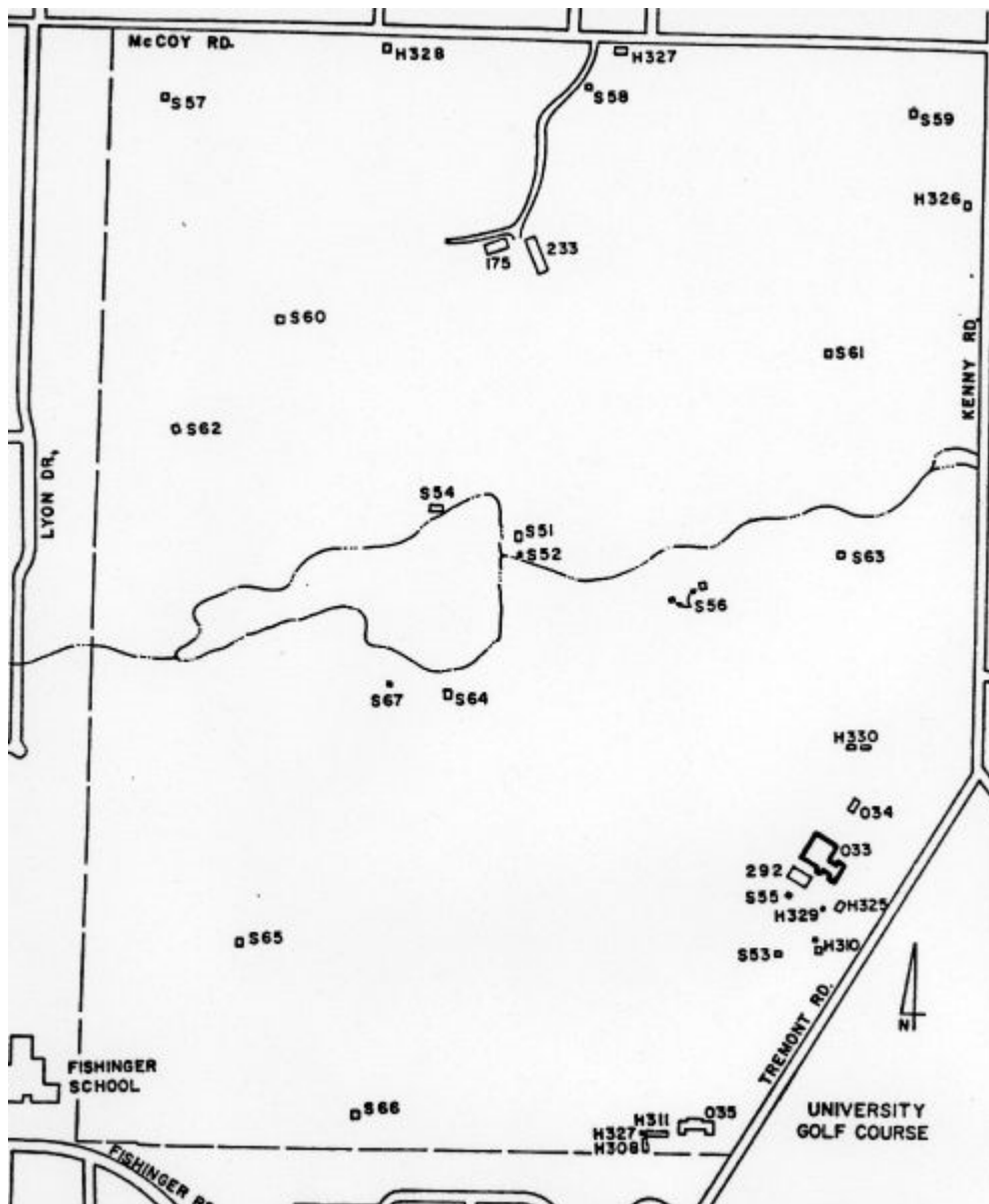
1.2 Alternate names noted:

Built as Golf House  
Golf Course Club House  
Golf Club House  
Golf Locker House

### 2. Location

2.1 Located at 3605 Tremont Road. See map below.

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheet GC 16 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

### 3. General Description

#### 3.1 Type of construction:

Partly wood frame and partly reinforced concrete. Stone, brick and frame exterior.

#### 3.2 No. of stories:

Two floors and a partial basement.

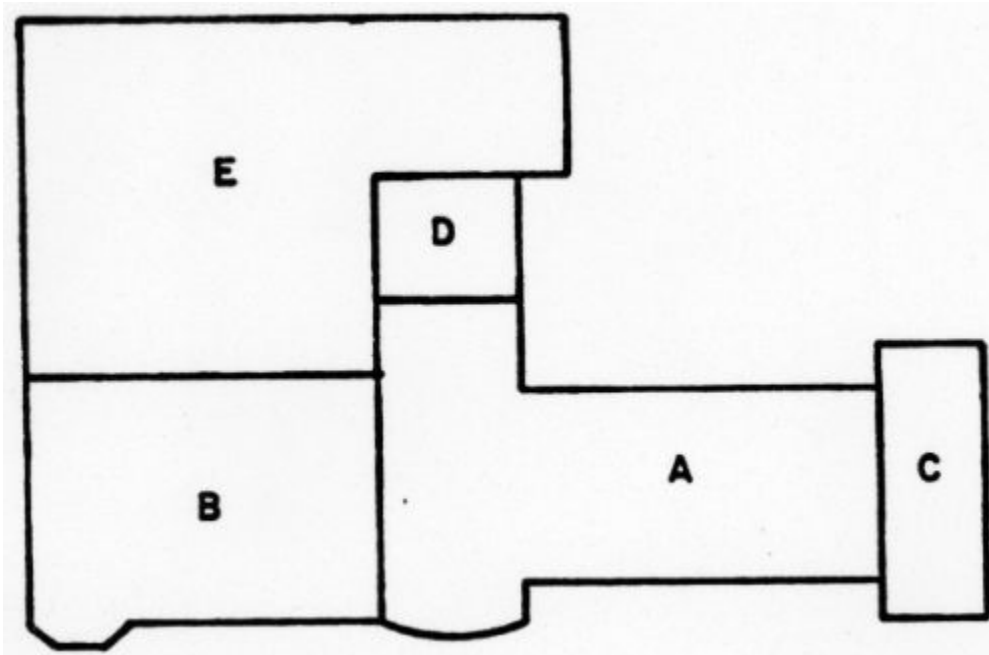
#### 3.3 Increments of construction:

Enlarged three times. See sketch.

- A - Original Building
- B - 1st Addition
- C - 2nd Addition

D - 2nd Addition

E - 3rd Addition



3.4 Present area of building as shown in inventory records of Division of Campus Planning:

23,585 sq. ft. gross; 16,328 sq. ft. net assignable

3.5 Volume of building:

298,764 cu. ft. (PP).

## B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION - ORIGINAL BUILDING

1. On July 31, 1937 the Board of Trustees granted permission to the Athletic Board to construct the building and approved the plans and related documents prepared by Howard Dwight Smith.
2. Bids were received on September 9, 1937 (A).
3. On September 14, 1937 the Athletic Board approved the award of contracts to the following contractors:

General: L. M. Leonard Construction Company

Electrical: L. R. Kennedy

Heating and ventilating: Wuellner and Theado

Plumbing: J. F. Oelgoetz Company

Sewage disposal: Skilken Brothers

4. Beginning of work:

Construction contracts were executed September 22, 1937 (A).

5. Completion and occupancy:

The final estimate was dated May 16, 1938 (A).

## E. PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION - 1ST ADDITION

This addition was constructed under a WPA project that included construction of the first 27 holes of the golf course, according to plans and specifications prepared by Howard Dwight Smith (A).

According to golf course records (Ra), construction of this addition began in October or November, 1938.

Minutes of the Athletic Board meeting of January 14, 1939 indicate that the addition was to be completed by May 15.

Other golf course records (Ra) include requests for some minor items in June and July, the last being a request dated July 25, 1939 for 6 gallons of paint, apparently for outside use. None of these late requests is of such nature as to indicate that the addition could not have been ready for use by May 15.

Another document in the golf course records (Ra), apparently a report for the last six months of 1939, indicates that the ground floor was completed April 1, 1939 and that the lounge was completed and finished September 1 and was used frequently after Sept. 1 for banquets, teas, and luncheons.

#### **D. PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION - 2ND ADDITION**

1. On November 25, 1940 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Howard Dwight Smith and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on December 30, 1940 (A).

3. On January 13, 1941 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: L. M. Leonard Company  
Refrigerators: Robert W. Ludwig  
Lockers: Consolidated Supply Company

4. Beginning of work:

Contracts were executed January 16, 1941 (A).

5. Completion and occupancy:

The final estimate for the general contractor is dated April 30, 1941 (A).

#### **E. PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION - 3RD ADDITION**

1. On May 11, 1967 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Hollie W. Shupe and authorized solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids for the general contract were received on October 17, 1967 and for the other branches of the work on October 27, 1967 (T).

3. On December 14, 1967 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: Wagenbrenner Construction Company  
Electrical: Claggett Electric Company  
Heating, ventilating, and air conditioning: Limbach Company  
Plumbing: Plumbing and Heating, Inc.

4. Hollie W. Shupe, the University Architect, notified W. J. Griffith, Director of Campus Planning, by letter dated April 22, 1969 that the addition would be ready for beneficial occupancy on April 23, 1969.

#### **F. PHOTOGRAPHS**

## 1. In Photoarchives:

X1040  
X7305  
X7472  
X1062  
X7306  
X7771  
X22608 (original building)

John H. Herrick  
October 14, 1975

**ADDENDUM NO. 1- Kepler Clubhouse Modifications**

On April 3, 1992 the Board of Trustees adopted the modification plan. This plan would bring the clubhouse up to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. It provides an elevator accessible to all three levels, new accessible restrooms, and improvements to the lobby, lounge, and women's locker room.

Total Project Cost: \$480,000

Contracts awarded as follows:

General: Zeigler  
Plumbing: Farber  
HVAC : Marco  
Electric: Royal